



TOTTON TOWN CENTRE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM BEAT REPORT MARCH – APRIL 2010



As the Sergeant of the Totton Safer Neighbourhoods team, I would like to welcome you to the latest bi-monthly newsletter for Totton town centre. Your local beat officer, PC Tony Witney is working hard in your neighbourhood to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed of any problems you may be having in your community – you can call, email or stop and speak to the officers or PCSOs you see out on patrol.

Thank you, PS Ian Smith.



WELCOME

Hello, I am PC Tony Witney, the beat manager for Totton town centre. We produce these beat reports every two months in order to keep you informed about any crime or anti-social behaviour that has been happening in your area, to tell you what your Safer Neighbourhoods team are doing about it and to offer you any

relevant crime prevention advice. If you would like to sign up to our mailing list so that you receive these newsletters via email, then please email your name, address and email address to totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

CRIMES OF NOTE

BURGLARY

Over the last two months there have been two burglaries reported in the town centre area. One of these reports was from a local jewellers, which had a number of items stolen. An investigation is still ongoing. The second report relates to a garden shed which was broken into over night and a bike and electric drills were stolen. Please ensure that you fully secure any outbuildings in your gardens and mark any property so that it is identifiable as belonging to you. Feel free to visit the police station if you require an ultraviolet pen to mark your property.

As the weather warms up, please remember to check that all windows and doors are closed and locked before you leave your house. Also, remember to put away and secure any tools or gardening equipment after use, and especially any ladders or anything that a burglar could use to gain entry to your property.

Safer Neighbourhoods team priorities for Totton Town Centre include:

1. To address rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour through robust use of fixed penalty notices, legislation for the dispersal of intimidating groups and confiscation of alcohol on the street.
2. To work in partnership with other agencies (housing associations, the local authority, social services, etc) to ensure that issues affecting the quality of life, particularly in residential areas, are dealt with by seeking long term solutions rather than a series of quick fixes.
3. To promote responsible citizenship among our young people by engaging with them on the street as well as in schools, clubs and groups on a regular basis.

ROWDY AND INCONSIDERATE

There has been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour over the last two months, as with the warmer weather and lighter evenings more people have been spending more time outside. There have been a number of reports from local businesses who are being affected by youths banging on their windows and throwing stones. This causes annoyance not only to the business owners but also to those using their facilities and some members of the public can find this type of behaviour very intimidating.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team aims to provide high visibility patrols over the weekends to disrupt this behaviour which is often alcohol fuelled.



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To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.

In an emergency, dial 999.



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THEFT

Following the 22 theft reports we received in the past two months, we have made 10 arrests. Three people have been charged for theft, five people have received fixed penalty notices, one person has been cautioned and one person is currently on bail as the investigation is ongoing.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES



Over the last two months there have been four reported thefts from motor vehicles. Three of these four cars have been broken into while parked in the Asda car

park. It is essential that we, as car owners, do not make it easy for thieves to break into our cars. Please ensure that valuable items are not left inside your unattended vehicles as often these are stolen by opportunist thieves. **Our message remains: if it's not in the vehicle, it can't be stolen.**

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Criminal damage is still being treated as a priority by the Safer Neighbourhoods team in Totton. We have received nine reports of damage in the past two months. Two people have been arrested and charged for criminal damage offences.

A number of these damage incidents have involved cars being damaged while they were parked overnight outside the owner's property.

Thank you
PC 1041 Tony Witney

You can speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team by calling **101** or email:

totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



Would you like to have your say?

Hampshire Constabulary is recruiting members of the community for **Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs)** to help them develop a better understanding of local communities.

Anyone who does not work for the police, or who does not have access to the police in a formal role, can apply.

You will need to be willing to attend regular meetings to discuss policing and other related issues, seeking fairness and equality for all whatever the subject matter.

If you are interested then please go to: www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/jobs/Independent+Advisory+Group.htm where you can download the latest promotional material. Alternatively, please call 02380 604755.



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